NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY DECEMBER 12, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Those in attendance were: Doug Ballou, Chairman NACCC; Sue Lintz, East Minnehaha; Ron Price, Pleasant Highlands; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Bridget Schwarz, Friends of Clark County; Milada Allen, Felida

Chairman Ballou called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Announcements:

Bud Van Cleve is ill but party for kids will go on: December 20, 6-8 p.m. at Sara J. Anderson School.

Doug reported that the Leadership Summit was a success with nearly 50 in attendance.

Subcommittee reports:

Neighborhood Web Page – Milada reported that her sister, Zita, is checking around for servers. They are in the process of securing a tax ID#. She will keep us informed of the progress and when it will be available.

Outstanding Clark County employee – There ensued a lively discussion on the topic with many names discussed.

County neighborhood bus tour – This has been postponed until Spring of 2006.

Developing ordinance for restricting compacters – This project has been tabled for the time being until after the first of the year.

Leadership Clark County and community walkability project – A group is being formed to develop a survey on which neighborhood have the greatest need and what those needs are. Once need is established, Leadership Clark County members will go out for grants. On the committee will be Ila Stanek, member of the Highway 99 Corridor Revitalization effort; Milada Allen, and George Vartanian.

A brief discussion was held regarding City of Vancouver plans for Annexation of unincorporated areas within Vancouver Urban Growth boundary, impacts on neighborhoods and current public service providers. Many citizens are opposed to annexation without a vote of the people impacted. City of Vancouver Officials should meet with local neighborhoods and groups regarding their future plans for annexation.

Neighborhood News:

Ron Price, Pleasant Highlands – There are concerns in his neighborhood of areas that were once to be brought in to the UGA that were designated residential that are now designated commercial.

Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell – Ila reported the Port of Vancouver announced that with the tremendous growth they expect over the next few years, they plan to utilize 78th Street as a viable route for the more than 100 trucks per day they expect will be exiting the Port. They will be holding hearings on the proposed plan.

Ila also received a call from a neighbor who was concerned that a house near her was going to house troubled teens. Ila explained that no permit was needed and that it was legal. She suggested the neighbor call the owners and talk to them. The neighbor reported back that she was satisfied that there was no need for worry.

Bridget Schwarz, FOCC – Bridget has a video that is about 1 ½ hours long that illustrates the negative effects Wal-Mart has on the community. The members showed an interest in seeing it and Bridget would like to have it available community-wide so that more people can be educated about the detrimental effect that Wal Mart has on communities.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point – Susan reported that her NA has a website which is still in its infancy but will be more complete sometime during the first quarter of 2006. The website address is paradiseneighbors.org. Not much on it yet.

She also reported that her neighborhood association, though not in the city limits of Ridgefield, but, nevertheless, Ridgefield residents, are deeply disturbed about the allegations against George Fox and she thinks that a hard look should be given to all the members of the City Council as well as Mayor Doriot.

The neighborhood association is awaiting the release of the EIS from the Cowlitz Tribe but early reports from those who have been privy to it indicate that it is woefully inadequate. That same criticism was aired with the previous EA that the tribe published. The Board of Enterprise/Paradise Point will be going over the EIS with a fine-toothed comb and commenting extensively during the comment period.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Review and approved by Doug Ballou, 12-21-05.